

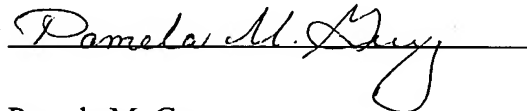
**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification of the presently submitted continuation application has been updated with respect to priority information. In addition, claim 1 has been cancelled. These amendments to the specification and claims do not constitute new matter. Accordingly, Applicants request entry of these amendments.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of this fee to Deposit Account No. 502624. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions relating to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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